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FILLING OF POSTS IN IAF
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts of fighter wing pilots, maintenance personnel and engineers filled up during the last three years;

(b) the number of these posts still lying vacant; and

(c) the time by which all these posts are likely to be filled up?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a)Officers: The number of officers commissioned during last three years in Flying and Technical branches are as follows :-

Year	Flying Branch	Tech Branch
1997	146	201
1998	155	149
1999	128	98

Airmen: The number of airmen recruited during the last three years in technical trades who are involved in the maintenance of aircraft are as follows :-

1997-98	2785
1998-99	1871
1999-2000	451

(b) Officers: There are no shortages of fighter pilots in the IAF. However, there is a shortage of 200 officers in the Technical branch.

Airmen: There is no backlog of vacancies at present.

(c) The shortages of officers may continue for some time in Tech branch as not many youth are opting to join IAF in the changed socio-economic environment.